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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM FOR FAST MACRODIVERSITY SWITCHING IN MOBILE WIRELESS NETWORKS

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 548 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 548 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/750,592

Examiner

Sharad Rampuria

Applicant(s)

DHARIA ET AL.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04/23/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-2, 6, 8-9, 11-15, 25-28, 30-33, 37-39, 43, 45, 49-52, 57, 59, 63-64, 85 (renumbered as 1-32 respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 3-5, 7, 10, 16-24, 29, 34-36, 40-42, 44, 46-48, 53-56, 58, 60-62, 65-84 and 86-94 are cancelled.

Claims 1-2, 6, 8-9, 11-15, 25-28, 30-33, 37-39, 43, 45, 49-52, 57, 59, 63-64, 85 (renumbered as 1-32 respectively) are patentable.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The closest prior art, Ueno; Motoharu et al. (US 5661723 A) teaches An ATM-based radiocommunication system adapted for multimedia communication comprises a repeater for providing communication services over a predetermined service area, first radio terminals for communicating with the repeater by using ATM cells, and a second terminal for communicating with the repeater by using ATM cells and communicating with a backbone network. The repeater comprises spot beam transmission and reception antennas for providing radio channels within a predetermined service area by means of spot beams, a wide-area beam transmission and reception antenna for providing a radio channel within the predetermined service area by means of a wide-area beam, first transmitters/receivers connected to the spot beam transmission and reception antennas for transmitting and receiving ATM cells, a second transmitter/receiver connected to the wide-area beam transmission and reception antenna for transmitting and receiving ATM cells, and an ATM switching device having input terminals connected to receive ATM cells from the first and second receivers and output terminals connected to the first and

second transmitters for directing incoming ATM cells to their respective proper output terminals.

(Abstract)

The next prior art, Kao; Chiiming (US 6175737 B1) teaches A cellular communication system having a plurality of wireless in-band channels and having a plurality of cells with a plurality of mobile stations in each cell where a base station (BTS) is the interface between mobile stations and a base station controller (BSC). The base station controller monitors and controls one or more base stations. A wireless trunk is established between the base station and the base station controller using selected ones of the allocated channels otherwise available for mobile station communications. (Abstract)

The closest prior art, Lundsjo ; Johan et al. (US 6473442 B1) teaches A communications system and method are provided that enables the balancing and rate matching of different types of services used simultaneously by a mobile terminal. More specifically, the communications system includes a network and mobile terminal either of which is capable of matching the bit rates of a plurality of transport channels each handling a service to a bit rate of a physical channel handling multiplexed services using relative offset measures and predefined rules. The network assigns and signals the relative offset measures to the mobile terminal. (Abstract)

The next prior art, Nicholl; Richard V. et al. (US 5905960 A) teaches A method of handling busy calls, performed by a controlling entity (ZC1) in a multiple-zone system, includes the steps of issuing (201) a request to participate in a call to one or more participating zones (101, 103, and 105) and concluding (203) that at least one zone of the participating zones (101, 103, and 105) is unable to grant the call, thereby resulting in a busy status for the call. The controlling entity (ZC1) informs the participating zones (101, 103 and 105) of the busy status. A

resource available notification is received (209) from a first zone, and the controlling entity (ZC1) determines (211) if a predetermined number of the participating zones (101, 103, and 105) have indicated ability to grant the call. When at least one zone of the one or more participating zones has not indicated ability to grant the call, the controlling entity (ZC1) issues (213) a still busy notification to the first zone, which still busy notification indicates that the call still has a busy status. (Abstract)

The closest prior art, Wallerius; John Walker et al. (US 6192038 B1) teaches A communication system having a plurality of forward channel communications and a plurality of corresponding reverse channel communications from and to a plurality of mobile users. A plurality of collectors are distributed at macro-diverse locations for receiving reverse channel signals from the users. Each of the collectors includes micro-diversity receivers for receiving the reverse channel signals from users. The collectors process and forward the reverse channel signals to aggregators. The aggregators combine the reverse channel signals to yield a combined signal with fewer bit errors than occur in the absence of combining. (Abstract)

The next prior art, Chavez; David A. et al. (US 6070071 A) teaches A multiple antenna cellular network communicates with a mobile station over a plurality of antennas. The antennas are arranged in a plurality of positions to customize a cell or cells. A transceiver is coupled to the antennas and configured to receive inbound information from the mobile station and transmit outbound information to the mobile station. A processor is coupled to the transceiver and configured to decode the inbound information and to encode the outbound information to communicate with the mobile station. In another embodiment, the transmit signal power is continuously modified to move interference nulls to improve quality so that a fixed location user

can receive a high quality signal. Exemplary embodiments are provided for use with the Global Systems for Mobile Communication (GSM) protocol and can be applied to other digital technologies. (Abstract)

However, all the above combination fails to anticipate or render the claimed limitations in combination with all the recited limitations of the disclosed independent claims obvious (**viewed the entire claim as a whole**), over any of the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Consequently, the disclosed independent claims are allowed on behalf of above-discussed reasons, and also preserved via Applicants arguments and remarks filed on 04/23/2008 as well. Since the disclosed dependent claims are dependant on one of the above independent claims, therefore they are also patentable.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharad Rampuria whose telephone number is (571) 272-7870. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F. (8:30-5 EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on (571) 272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000 or

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